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ORLD CLASS TECHNOLOGY IN TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether world class technology has not yet been brought into the country by the existing private telecom units;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any proposal from the foreign units in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Sir, multiple licences have been granted in different service areas of the country for various telecom services, such as, Cellular Mobile Telephone Service, Basic Telephone Service, Internet Service etc.Multipoly will drive the licensees to use state-of-the-art technology in order to offer improved/cost effective service to their customers in a competitive environment. The licence agreements also specify digital technology as per International Telecommunication Union/Telecom Engineering Centre standards to be used for providing the service, such as for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service.

(b) & (c) Licences are granted to the Indian registered companies, foreign equity participation is permitted upto 49% in most of the services. Any proposal by a foreign partner regarding technology is an internal matter of any company.